

## TANZANIA COTTON INDUSTRY OVERVIEW

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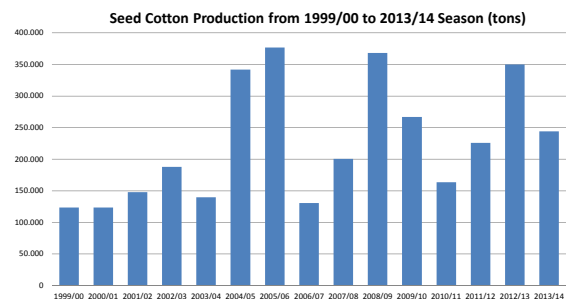
### Introduction

- The Cotton value chain in Tanzania is a source of livelihood of about 40 % of the population of 44 million. Cotton is grown in 15 regions out of 25.
- On average, an area of 400,000 ha is planted to cotton by some 500,000 small holder farmers in 45 districts.
- Farm size ranges between 0.5 to 5 ha
- All cotton is rain fed yielding 260kg of lint/ha

### Production

- During 2013/14 season, Tanzania produced 82,400 tons of lint, a drop of 31% when compared to production of 119,661 tons in the year 2012/13.
- The volume of cotton output much depends on the following factors:
  - ✓ producer price paid to farmers during the preceding year;
  - ✓ supply of inputs arrangement; and
  - ✓ weather pattern.

### Production



### **Seed Multiplication**

- The government in collaboration with the cotton industry managed to revive seed multiplication which collapsed after liberalization
- A new variety UKM08 with ginning outturn of above 40% is being multiplied to replace UK 91 with 36% GOT

### **Marketing and Ginning**

- 32 cotton buyers were registered to procure seed cotton during 2013/14 season
- Producer price was 0.44 US cents per kg of seed cotton
- 40 ginneries were licensed to operate in the season.

### **Cotton Exports**

- Over 70% of cotton produced is exported as lint.
- During 2013/14 season, Tanzania exported 23,768 tons of lint worth US\$ 44 millions compared to 57,361 tons valued at US\$ 92 millions exported in 2012/13

- Major markets include China, Indonesia, Thailand, Kenya, Bangladesh, Vietnam, Thailand, Malaysia and India.

### Cotton Development Measures

In order to increase productivity and improve quality, Tanzania Cotton Board is implementing a project funded by EU which is addressing the following issues:-

- Developing capacities to monitor, assess and update national and regional cotton strategies
- Improvement of the competitiveness of cotton through contamination reduction

### Cotton Develop.....

In addition, the industry is working on the following initiatives:-

- Enhancing the usage of inputs through introduction of contract farming
- Develop and transfer new cost effective production technologies through Farmer Field Schools, cinema shows and radio programs
- Release of new seed varieties with better Ginning Out Turn (GOT)

- Undertaking campaigns to revamp productivity and re-opening of new areas for increased cotton production especially in the Eastern Cotton Growing Area.
- Introduction of Conservation Agriculture. 3,000 rippers have been procured and distributed to best cotton growers. These will serve as demonstration plots in order to create commercial demand.

### Crop forecast for 2014/15

- During 2013/14 farming season a total of 460,000 ha have been planted to cotton, if weather pattern won't change, we forecast to produce 250,000 tons of seed cotton in 2014/15 season

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